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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT MULTIPLEX DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2000 in the above-identified patent application.

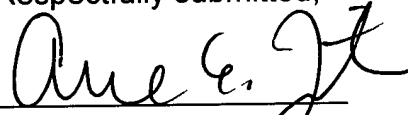
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Respectfully submitted,



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